

## The Gospel Must First Be Preached

**Mark 13:1-23**

**Key Verse: 10**

1. How did the disciples react when they saw the temple? (1) What did the temple mean to the Jews? What did Jesus predict? (2; c.f. Lk 21:20) Why would this occur?
2. What question did some of the disciples ask Jesus and why? (3-4) What was the first warning Jesus replied with? (5-6) What did Jesus mean by birth pains? (7-8) In what way do these birth pains signify hope for the Christian?
3. Why do we need to be on guard? (9a; 23) In what way does persecution become an opportunity for the gospel? (9b-10) How is the gospel like a lifeline? What should be our priority? How does the Holy Spirit help us overcome fear? (11) How will our loyalty to Jesus be tested? (12-13)
4. What is “the abomination that causes desolation”? (14; Da 9:27; 11:31) What is its effect? (19) Why should we not hold attachments to this world? (14-17) What favour does God show to his elect? (20) Why does Jesus repeat talking about false messiahs? (21-22) What false messiahs exist today? How can we stand firm? (Eph 6:10-20)